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DAY BY DAY
Can you remember away back when the business of a speedometer was to keep you from going too fast?

The Daily Mail.

WEATHER
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FEAR FOR AMERICANS AS JAPS FIRE UPON THEIR REFUGE; CHINA CALLS CRACK ARMY

Five Missing In Bay Boat Burning

QUICK ACTION SAVES MANY FROM DEATH

City Of Baltimore Burns; Thrilling Rescues Related.

BALTIMORE, July 30 (AP).—All but five of the 96 passengers and crew driven by flames from the liner City of Baltimore in a night of horror on Chesapeake bay reached land today with tales of amazing rescues.

Of the five not counted among the survivors, two were known dead and three unaccounted for.

The dead:

J. B. Pollhoff, an Aiken, S. C. lawyer.

An unidentified member of the crew.

H. Paige, a passenger, address unknown.

Ty Marnis, an oiler.

A fireman whose name, line officials said, was not known.

The liner, sliding down the bay to Norfolk, burst into a burning furnace 14 miles below Baltimore.

Flames, pouring aft, roared from the lower holds and within three minutes after the first alarm had wrapped two-thirds of the liner in fire.

Many At Dinner

The passengers, most of whom were at dinner, scurried to the rails, many still clutching their napkins. Others tumbled from staterooms. The crew surged up from the hold.

Two miles away, most residents —who had been sitting on their lawns a moment before talking about the stillness of the night— rushed down to the water's edge aghast at the horror before them.

Boats put out from the beaches. Various craft near the liner headed towards her.

With the fire leaping up the deck, the passengers, joined by the crew, huddled towards the bow.

Screams could be heard above above the roar of the flames. The voyagers begged for help as those in the smaller boats were driven back by the fierce heat.

An unidentified man picked up a rope, tied one end to the railing and pushed the other overboard.

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Had Left Here For Boat Trip

Friends of Miss Bertha Lefever, stenographer to the Sheriff's office, who left here yesterday to take a boat from Baltimore to Norfolk, were relieved this morning on learning that Miss Lefever spent the night in Baltimore and planned to take a boat today.

It was first thought she had booked passage on the City of Baltimore, the boat destroyed by fire last night.

The official list of dead and missing, as well as survivors, indicates no Hagerstown people were aboard the City of Baltimore.

PURSE STOLEN

Miss Helen D. Lewis, 338 block of South Potomac street, reported to the police this morning the theft two yesterday afternoon of her pocketbook containing $12 in cash and other valuables from the Wilson junior school playground.

MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the Board of Education scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, has been postponed until Tuesday, August 10, it was announced today.

WEATHER

Forecast U. S. Weather Bureau

Maryland: Generally fair in the interior and probably showers on the coast tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature.

Chesapeake Bay: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature; moderate to fresh variable winds, mostly northeast or north.

SUSPECT SABOTAGE

BALTIMORE, July 30 (AP).—Captain Charles O. Brooks of the charred bay steamer City of Baltimore suggested today that sabotage may have accounted for the "amazing" speed of the fire.

"I wouldn't even think of sabotage as a theory under ordinary circumstances, but the idea has been running through my head, Captain Brooks said. "I say this because of the amazing way in which the fire spread so fast all over the boat."

The speed of the flames as they flared through the wooden superstructure of the boat will be one of the chief interests of the two-phase inquiry launched here. A special federal inquiry board was named in Washington to hold the first of its hearings tomorrow and the company said it, too, would probe into the causes and results of the fire and a series of minor explosions which passengers said followed the first burst of flames.

$41,489.02 FOR COUNTY ROADS

Commissioners Will Have Say How Lateral Roads Fund To Be Spent

Washington County will have $41,489.02 to carry on lateral road improvement during the next fiscal year, the State Roads Commission announced today. The Commissioners is going to give the Commissioners of this and every county a say in the expenditures.

Washington County's share is divided as follows: legislative appropriation $16,640; share of state road fund $18,467.49 and federal appropriation $11,451.53. There will be $240,000 available for the state.

From the commissioners' recommendations as to how the money should be spent, the commission plans to form a road improvement program to be undertaken in the fiscal year beginning October 1, when the $240,000 program becomes available.

Each of the 23 county boards will be asked by Dr. Hiram E. Talbot, chairman of the road group, to suggest what improvements they believe should be made on roads in their counties.

"The commissioners should feel this is a splendid opportunity to improve the dirt roads and do such other projects in their counties as are justified," Dr. Talbot said.

The Record will be available from the following sources:

From an appropriation to balance the subscriptions of counties, $175,000; from remaining share of a state bond issue, $154,151.29; from counties share of an anticipated Federal appropriation for feeder-roads, $200,000.

Snatched Ball-Headed

SPOKANE, Wash., July 30 (AP).—The train stopped in Glacier National Park.

P. Wrigard of Buffalo, N. Y., leaned out the window to watch the antics of a big black bear.

"Snatch!" went the bear's paw. Off came Wrigard's hat—and hair.

The latter, fortunately for Wrigard, was a toupee.

SHRINKING MAN'S OPERATION LAUDED AS SAVING LIFE

MINNEAPOLIS, July 30 (AP).—Hans Nelsen, who shrank six inches in height in five years, undergoes a grand operation with varying his life and putting him "on top of the world."

He's gaining strength, he said, calling "anything" taking automobile trips and enjoying life. He's pleased also to know his case has aided others so afflicted.

Two years ago surgeons removed half of his parathyroid glands in an effort to stop the de-calcification of his bones that reduced his stature. He had been shrinking for 15 years until he was a scraped man of five feet.

Nelsen will be five feet tall, but said he was growing supposedly "every day" and looking forward to the time when he will be even more active.

"As far as my life was concerned," Nelsen said of his operation, "I figured I was gone. I made a try though, and I'm glad of it. This has been the most wonderful summer since I have been sick."

Child Found In Lap Of Murdered Mother

The seven-year old child of Mrs. Mary Albright at Gettysburg, Pa., was found unharmed in the lap of her murdered mother the latter had been slain, according to police, by an escaped farmer, Charles Martin, near Thurmont, Md. Police said Martin also killed another woman and then himself. The child is being held by Thelma Miller, a neighbor.

SIDETRACKING OF WAGE, HOUR BILL FEARED

A. F. Of L. Seeking Delay Of Measure Until Next Year.

WASHINGTON, July 30 (AP).—William Green elected the American Federation of Labor's attitude toward the administration's wage hour bill today in a letter urging the Senate to pass the measure instead of sending it back to committee.

Some federation officials had sought to sidetrack the measure.

WASHINGTON, July 30 (AP).—A determined campaign to sidetrack the administration's wage and hour bill gained strength today from the support of some American Federation of Labor officials.

John P. Frey, president of the Federation's metal trades department, disclosed he had asked a number of senators to delay consideration until next year.

Frey said he favored wage and hour legislation but was opposed to the powers which the bill would give to a new labor board.

Harvey Lauder Rackley (D-Ky)

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Al Smith Assumes Leadership Of Tammany In N. Y. Mayoralty Race

Returns To Political Wars To Guide Tammany's Endorsed Candidate; Drops Role As Behind-The-Scenes Advisor To Back Copeland.

NEW YORK, July 30 (AP).—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, the "Happy Warrior" of other years, returned to the political wars today faced with the unprecedented task of getting a Tammany-endorsed mayoralty candidate through a Democratic primary.

Dropping his role as behind-the-scenes advisor, Smith stepped into the breach after the funeral yesterday of Tammany leader James J. Dooling and attempted to rally the Hall's quarreling factions firmly behind the candidacy of United States Senator Royal S. Copeland for the mayoralty of New York City.

Meanwhile, announcement by both Copeland and Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia that they would seek the Republican nomination for mayor, indicated the wagers of the brewery derby in supporting Copeland would have to cross party lines in one of the most tangled campaigns of his 43 years in politics.

Smith A grand sachem in the wigwam whose policies he has fought for and against many times since he entered politics in 1894, met with a majority of the Tammany leaders in his office in the Empire State Building where management has been his chief concern in recent years.

Grouped about him, when delegated for the persistency, Smith pleaded with sub-leaders of disordered Tammany to unite behind Copeland, his personal friend and a friend of the dead leading.

Although the Hall is formally pledged to Copeland, many of its chiefs have openly declared their intentions of supporting George A. Whalen, former police commissioner and candidate of the four Democratic borough organizations outside Tammany-controlled Manhattan.

Again Fights New Deal

Formal renewal of Smith to an active political role emphasized the New Deal as an election issue. Whalen is supported by Democratic leaders friendly to Postmaster General James A. Farley.

Contracts For Coal Are Awarded

The contracts for furnishing coal for the Hagerstown city schools was awarded by the Board of Education to the Georges Creek Coal Company, while the contracts for coal for the county schools will be awarded to local dealers.

The contract for coal for the Hagerstown schools, it was announced, means a saving of more than a dollar a ton, including freight and delivery.

HURT IN FALL FROM WINDOW

Mrs. Richard Perry At Hospital With Injuries To Head.

Mrs. Richard Perry, of Salesmania, Ind., continues in an unfavorable condition at the Washington County Hospital as the result of head injuries sustained Sunday afternoon in a fall at the home of her sister, Mrs. Carl M. Wilhide, Funkstown.

Mrs. Perry, a daughter of the late Rev. Caleb Long, of Boonsboro, had been visiting her sister. She is reported to have fallen from an upstairs window.

That Man Again

DENVER, July 30 (AP).—A result world, Fred Kreeharz reported—almost too small for him and Jesse Gallo.

While Kreeharz was walking home, Gallo's police dog dashed out and bit his both legs. Kreeharz went on home, ate in his car, scanned for the police station to report the incident.

He laughed with another car. One climbed Gallo.

Rushes Back

Gen. Hsu Chen Tsu, Chinese foreign minister who has been in the United States studying aviation, is rushing back to the home land to assist in the struggle against Japan.

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPT. 7

Board Decides To Begin 1937-38 Term As Per Schedule.

The Board of Education in special session yesterday decided to open the public schools of the city and county for the 1937-38 term on Tuesday, September 7. The closing date next year was fixed as June 18.

Announcement was made last week that the Board had discussed postponement of the opening until the close of the Antietam Celebration due to the fact no bands or floats are will have parts in the pageant, "On Wings of Time."

After a thorough discussion yesterday the Board decided to open as per schedule as postponement would mean a later closing date next June. In all probability daily sessions will be curtailed during the celebration in September.

15 - YEAR - OLD WOUND FATAL

CHICAGO, July 30 (AP).—Stanchanel Matthews, 15, was dead today from a knife wound he suffered 15 years ago.

He was stabbed in the back during a quarrel, the wound healed and he became the subject for a few days ago when pain developed. Matthews went to the hospital where X-rays disclosed a piece of the knife blade wedged between two vertebrae. He died after physicians operated to remove it.

W. M. FREIGHT HITS A TAXI

E. C. Harbaugh, Driver, Slightly Hurt; Machine Is Damaged.

E. C. Harbaugh, driver for the Northwest Taxicab Co., narrowly escaped death this morning when it struck when the taxicab he was driving was struck by a Western Maryland westbound freight train at the Prospect street crossing. Harbaugh was taken to the Washington County hospital, where he was treated for a fractured forehead and was later released.

The taxicab was coming down George street and two trains were approaching the crossing from opposite directions. The driver apparently observed the westbound train but failed to see the eastbound one. The taxicab was badly damaged.

Zittlestown Fire Caused By Chimney

Subsequent investigation has disclosed that the fire that destroyed a wash house on the property of Abner C. Zittle, at Zittlestown, Monday, started from a chimney hearth where the bag been started previously in washing the family clothes.

The Boonsboro fire company responded on an alarm and succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings. Water was pumped from a nearby spring.

HEAD OF UNIVERSITY REFUSES TO LEAVE AS ARTILLERY BLASTS AREA; BATTLE IS RAGING

Communications With University Supported By American Missions Severed; Major Battle Raging West Of Peiping Today

CHINESE FINEST SUMMONED

Chinese Fail To Follow Up Advantage Gained At Tientsin Yesterday; Chinese Christians There Pledge Loyalty To Chiang.

PEIPING, July 30 (AP).—Heavy artillery started suddenly this afternoon southwest of here at Yenching University, refuge of a group of Americans, as China was reported to have ordered her crack central army into action to drive the Japanese army out of North China.

Grave apprehension was felt for the safety of the Americans at the university. The group was believed to number five women and three men, including President J. L. Stuart, who had refused the warning of the American embassy to leave.

"It is my duty to stay," he told diplomatic officials.

Fighting was general once again all about the ancient walls of the Manchu capital. The Japanese army was believed to be engaged in relentless "mopping up" operations against the remnants of the 29th Chinese army, the main body which now holds positions across the Tuning river to the west.

All communication was severed with Yenching University as the fighting there began. The university is supported by American missions and is one of China's outstanding educational institutions.

Firing was especially heavy west of the city, indicating a major engagement might be in progress. Japanese troops were reported attempting to force the crossing of the Tungting river at Wanping, Ising and the Marco Polo bridge.

To support the 37th and 123 divisions of the 29th army, which are entrenched on the west bank, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, premier and commander-in-chief of the Chinese army, was reported to have ordered up 50,000 highly-trained and well-equipped troops of the Central army.

Japanese sources declared they had learned an attack in force had been ordered against their positions around Peiping with the main body of the Chinese army, supported by the Nanking government's modernized airforce.

Japanese Preparing

The Japanese seemed to be preparing to meet such an offensive on a major scale. Troops, tanks and armored cars were pouring into the western hills, but a few miles from the city, in large numbers.

The Japanese cabinet decided on a series of "second steps" in China's undeclared war. After a secret meeting of the proposals were placed before Emperor Hirohito. Japanese reported the capture of Taku, one of Tientsin's two ports.

(At Tokyo, Japanese officers said "Chinese mean attack" if the Central Chinese army moves into the so-called demilitarized zone.)

While new fighting broke out at Peiping, a two-day Chinese attack on Tientsin, 10 miles east, ended in apparent failure.

The Chinese did not follow up the advantages gained in their surprise assault, and a systematic Japanese aerial bombardment which destroyed the Chinese position in parts of Tientsin yesterday.

Two brigades of Chinese regulars recreased rapidly there today from positions gained in the first attack. Within the city, members of the Chinese Peace Preservation

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LOCAL BOYS IN CHINA

Two Washington County boys are in the thick of the fighting in Tientsin, China, where the bitterest fighting is taking place between the Japanese and Chinese.

They are Chester Alvin Miller, aged 27, whose home when in Hagerstown is at 406 Mitchell avenue, who is a member of the 15th U. S. Infantry stationed at Tientsin. He has a sister, Miss Velma Miller, who resides at the local address.

The other is Lester Tracey, 22, of Smithsburg, who is also a member of the 15th Infantry. His grandmother is Mrs. Susan Kinzie, Smithsburg.

Both boys enlisted for service in China last December, through Sergeant J. J. Clop, at the local U. S. Army Recruiting office.

The 15th Infantry is protecting the U. S. Legation there.

Gary Cooper's Jewelry Stolen

Burglars Make Big Haul While Movie Star, Wife Out Calling.

LOS ANGELES, July 30, (AP).—Burglars broke into the palatial home of Gary Cooper, film star, and stole jewelry valued in excess of $10,000 early today.

The burglary was committed while Cooper and his wife, the former Veronica Balfe, were out visiting friends. A housekeeper, awakened by the actor's dog, discovered that many rooms had been ransacked.

Returning just as police were making an investigation, the Cooper's made a hurried appraisal of their losses, which may total more than $10,000.

Missing jewelry alone was worth upwards of $10,000, they said, and costly dinner plate, linens and silverware were also believed to have been taken.

Mrs. Cooper, an expectant mother, said she also missed two diamond wrist watches and a gold wrist watch. The burglars entered by cutting a screen in a lower floor bathroom.

13 Lucky Number For Two Brothers

This fish story, which came from Williamsport this morning, will set the nerves of all fishermen tingling. It relates to one of the great catches of bass of the season made recently by David and Thomas Hawbaker, brothers, in the Potomac river above Williamsport, the catch of 13 bass weighing 14 pounds with three of the fish over two pounds each, one weighing 2¼, another 2¾, and the third are, 2¾, pounds. The fish were caught on minnows, and weighed in at H. M. Bell's store.

George Waggley, West Side avenue, reports a catch of seven chickens in the Conococheague on Wednesday and four on Tuesday.

TAX LOOPHOLE MEASURE MIGHT APPLY TO 1937 INCOMES

WASHINGTON, July 30, (AP).—Legislation to close tax loopholes probably will apply to 1937 incomes, congressmen said today, in the hope of picking up $137,000,000 to $250,000,000 additional revenue.

Members of the Senate-House tax investigating committee said that was one reason the administration desires the new bill enacted at this session. It has been strongly opposed.

It will be relatively simple, investors said, to take care of such tax reduction devices as incorporated yachts, country estates and hobbies by tightening up on allowable deductions.

They intend also to cover foreign and domestic personal holding company income, foreign insurance firms and

Communications With University Severed

Communications with Yenching University, where the Chinese Christians have pledged loyalty to Chiang, were severed today.

AMERICANS IN CHINA SAFE

Constant Vigil Being Maintained By State Dept.; Situation Serious

WASHINGTON, July 30 (AP).—Coded wireless messages flying halfway around the world brought Federal officials encouraging reports today of the safety of Americans in China.

Basing his attitude on such messages, Secretary Hull said late yesterday the situation nevertheless still appeared serious.

He added, however, he saw no occasion yet for any action by this government.

The messages came through a 24-hour government communications system, centering in a battery of telegraph wires and radio machines atop the State Department building.

There, across the street from the

Sharpsburg To Have Industry

Abandoned Schools Being Converted Into Silk Mills.

Announcement has been made by Sharpsburg of the recent purchase of the two abandoned public school buildings of the town and of their remodelling for use as a silk mill. Machinery, etc. has already arrived and is now being installed. An early start of operations has been promised and work will be given to a number of men and women of the town and vicinity.

Dong With The Wind

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30 (AP).—Chinatown wedding bells five years ago ended in Dong vs. Dong in divorce court.

Mrs. Christina Dong was on interlocutory decree from Dr. H. Colin Dong. She charged cruelty.

BEAVER CREEK TO CELEBRATE

Villagers To Burn Last Note Of Indebtedness On Hall Tomorrow.

Beaver Creek will celebrate with appropriate ceremonies tomorrow evening the burning of the last note of indebtedness on the town's Community Hall. The note is the last portion of a total indebtedness of $1000. The hall was erected in 1931.

Rev. C. N. Jarrell, of Olin, a former pastor at Beaver Creek, will be the principal speaker. Attorney Omer T. Kaylor, this city, will also talk. Trustees of the hall and the Alpine Club are sponsoring the program.

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